


Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Claims 1 to 18 (Canceled).

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1 19 (New). A online shopping method in which an anonymous service
2 provider handles and delivers packages to a customer, a shop receives an
3 order from the customer over a network and transfers ordered goods to the
4 anonymous service provider for delivery to the customer, and an electronic
5 money accounting organization engages in monetary transactions with the
6 shop and issues electronic money the customer uses when purchasing
7 goods from the shop, the method comprising the steps of:
8 opening by the shop on the network a homepage for electronic
9 shopping;
10 registering by the customer with the anonymous service provider;
11 providing by the anonymous service provider to the customer an
12 anonymous ID upon request of a registered customer and temporarily
13 maintains the anonymous ID in an anonymous ID database for a
14 predetermined limited period of time, the anonymous ID database being
15 accessed by the anonymous service provider to validate an anonymous ID
16 and to correlate the anonymous ID with delivery information for the
17 customer;
18 ordering over the network by the customer using the anonymous ID
19 provided by the anonymous service provider and designating payment by
20 electronic money from the electronic money accounting organization;
21 requesting by the shop confirmation from the anonymous service
22 provider that the anonymous ID provided by the customer is valid and, if
23 valid, requesting payment for the ordered goods from the electronic money
24 accounting organization;



25 if the customer has sufficient electronic money with the electronic
26 money accounting organization, completing acceptance of the order by
27 printing a first slip bearing the anonymous ID and attaching the slip to the
28 ordered goods and delivering the goods to the anonymous service provider;
29 correlating by the anonymous service provider the anonymous ID
30 with delivery information for delivery of the ordered goods to the
31 customer;
32 printing by the anonymous service provider a second slip bearing
33 the delivery information and replacing the first slip with the second slip
34 attached to the goods; and
35 delivering by the anonymous service provider the ordered goods to
36 the customer.

1 20 (New). The online shopping method recited in claim 19, wherein a
2 random sequence of alphanumeric characters is used for the anonymous
3 ID.

1 21 (New). The online shopping method recited in claim 19, wherein the
2 database maintained by the anonymous service provider comprises an ID
3 information table including anonymous IDs that have been generated,
4 generation dates for the anonymous IDs, and membership numbers of
5 registered customers who requested the generation of anonymous IDs.

1 22 (New). The online shopping method recited in claim 19, wherein the
2 accounting organization is connected to the shop via a virtual private
3 network (VPN) or a dedicated line and includes an accounting system for
4 settling an account upon the receipt of a request from the shop, the
5 accounting organization maintaining an electronic money database in
6 which information concerning the issue of electronic money is stored.

1 23 (New). The online shopping method recited in claim 19, wherein the
2 anonymous ID is valid only for a predetermined period of time.

1 24 (New). The online shopping method recited in claim 19, wherein the
2 anonymous ID can be used only a predetermined number of times.

1 25 (New). The online shopping method recited in claim 19, wherein the
2 anonymous service provider maintains a registered customer information
3 database separately from the anonymous ID database.

1 26 (New). An online shopping system, comprising:
2 a server for a shop for opening on a network a homepage for
3 electronic shopping;
4 a server for an anonymous service provider connected to the
5 network for generating and maintaining a database of anonymous IDs and
6 issuing an anonymous ID upon request received from a terminal of a
7 registered customer and temporarily maintaining the anonymous ID in an
8 ID database for a predetermined limited period of time, the database being
9 accessed by the server of the anonymous service provider to validate an
10 anonymous ID and to correlate the anonymous ID with delivery
11 information for the customer;
12 a terminal for a customer connected to the network for registering
13 with the anonymous service provider and requesting an anonymous ID;
14 and
15 a server for an electronic money accounting organization which
16 engages in monetary transactions with the shop and issues electronic
17 money the customer uses when purchasing goods from the shop, wherein
18 the server for the anonymous service provider stores personal
19 information for the customer which may be correlated with an anonymous
20 ID provided to the customer,

21 the customer employs the terminal to issue an order for goods, to
22 supply the anonymous ID to the server for the shop and to designate
23 payment by electronic money from the electronic money accounting
24 organization,


25 the server for the shop requesting from the server for the
26 anonymous service provider confirmation that the anonymous ID provided
27 by the customer is valid and, if valid, requesting from the server of the
28 electronic money accounting organization payment for the for the ordered
29 goods and, if payment is made, printing a first slip bearing the anonymous
30 ID for attachment to ordered goods to be delivered to the anonymous
31 service provider, and

32 the server of the anonymous service provider reading the first slip
33 an correlating the anonymous ID with delivery information for delivery of
34 the ordered goods to the customer and printing a second slip bearing the
35 delivery information, the second slip for replacing the first slip attached to
36 the goods.

1 27 (New). The online shopping system recited in claim 26, wherein a
2 random sequence of alphanumeric characters is used for the anonymous
3 ID.

1 28 (New). The online shopping system recited in claim 26, wherein the
2 database maintained by the server of the anonymous service provider
3 comprises an ID information table including anonymous IDs that have
4 been generated, generation dates for the anonymous IDs, and membership
5 numbers of registered customers who requested the generation of
6 anonymous IDs.

1 29 (New). The online shopping system recited in claim 26, wherein the
2 server of the accounting organization is connected to the server of the shop



3 via a virtual private network (VPN) or a dedicated line and includes an
4 accounting system for settling an account upon the receipt of a request
5 from the shop, the server of the accounting organization maintaining an
6 electronic money database in which information concerning the issue of
7 electronic money is stored.

1 30 (New). The online shopping system recited in claim 26, wherein the
2 anonymous ID is valid only for a predetermined period of time.

1 31 (New). The online shopping system recited in claim 26, wherein the
2 anonymous ID can be used only a predetermined number of times.

1 32 (New). The online shopping system recited in claim 26, wherein the
2 server of the anonymous service provider maintains a registered customer
3 information database separately from the anonymous ID database.
